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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Public Health Institute. Preceding its Fiftieth Annual Meeting, which was held in New York City, November 14–18, the American Public Health Association conducted a Health Institute from November 8 to 11. Practical demonstrations were arranged for visiting delegates, affording to public health workers an opportunity to see the actual operation of established methods applicable to various phases of health work, the hygiene of mother and child, public health nursing, social work, sanitary engineering, laboratory procedure, control of communicable diseases, mental hygiene, industrial hygiene, and vital statistics. The group interested in vital statistics visited the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; the office of the Secretary of the 1920 Census Committee for New York City; the Division of Vital Statistics of the Health Department; a central exhibit of Record Forms, applicable to various phases of health work, at the National Health Council; and the rooms of the New York Tuberculosis Association. The group was shown the handling of vital facts both by hand methods and by mechanical devices; the districting of a city for purposes of administration and for research in reference to health problems; the actual operation of a municipal division of vital statistics; and the methods of utilizing data with reference to a particular disease such as tuberculosis.

New Advisory Committee on Statistics. The National Child Health Council plans to organize a number of advisory committees to collect, study, and make available information on subjects that contribute to healthful childhood. For the guidance of its member organizations and others interested in promoting the health of children, it is now organizing an advisory committee on statistics. This committee will have the immediate task of supervision, from the statistical standpoint, of the preliminary studies and the definite plans for the child health demonstration to be conducted in Mansfield and Richland County, Ohio. Its present membership includes Joseph A. Hill, representing the U. S. Bureau of the Census; Robert M. Woodbury, representing the U. S. Children's Bureau; Edgar Sydenstricker, representing the U. S. Public Health Service; and the following members at large: Truman L. Kelley, Louis I. Dublin, W. J. Lauck, William F. Ogburn, Emma Duke, Bird T. Baldwin, and Robert E. Chaddock. The American Statistical Association has still to appoint three representatives.

Report on Official Statistics of the United Kingdom. A Report on the Collection and Presentation of Official Statistics, prepared by a committee appointed by the Cabinet of the United Kingdom, was recently issued. The committee was appointed in response to a petition presented by a committee of the Royal Statistical Society and signed by numerous other persons interested in statistics, and was composed of various departmental officers. It recommended the establishment of a permanent consultative committee for the coordination of official statistics, the members to be nominated by the different departments. Powers and procedure of the committee were defined in general terms. It was also recommended that a comprehensive index should be prepared to the numerous

volumes of a statistical character or containing statistics which are published by the various government departments.

Bulletins of the Canadian Census. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Canada, has begun the issue of bulletins giving the preliminary results of the Decennial Census of Population and Agriculture, taken as of date June 1, 1921. The bulletins issued to date have covered the population of some eighty of the larger cities and towns.

Annual Meeting of the Statistical Association. The Eighty-third Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on December 27–29 inclusive. Programs of the meetings will be mailed to the members of the Association, together with the necessary information regarding trains and hotels.

M. Lucien March, Directeur honoraire de la statistique générale de la France, visited the United States as a delegate to the International Eugenics Congress. M. March returned to France in November after remaining in this country during September and October.

Mr. G. H. Knibbs, formerly Commonwealth Statistician of Australia, has been appointed chairman of the Commonwealth Institute of Science and Industry.

Mr. R. von Huhn, formerly with the Edison Storage Battery Company, has been appointed special agent for the government and is in charge of the research statistics in the Department of Commerce in Washington.

Mr. Arthur J. Hirsch has been appointed chief clerk of the Bureau of the Census. Mr. Hirsch was chief of the Division of Agriculture in the same bureau.

Mr. Ethelbert Stewart has been serving as commissioner of labor statistics since the resignation of Dr. Royal Meeker. His appointment has been confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. L. R. Gottlieb, editor of the *Bankers Economic Service*, is at present engaged, as financial expert for the United States Treasury Department, in a study of Germany and France in connection with the Conference on Limitation of Armament.

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